GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SPACE
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:579
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FIRE IN SRIHARIKOTA ISLAND
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a fire broke out in the forests adjoining Sriharikota island recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; (

(c) whether any damages have been suffered with regard to Sriharikota installation range;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any probe have been ordered into the incident; and

(f) if so, the findings thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES & AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The fire was limited to burning up of dried leaves/bushes and branches covering an area of about 8 sq.km. No tall trees were burnt.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) No, Sir. This forest fire is found to be due to natural causes, which occasionally occur in dry summer conditions.

(f) Does not arise.